

SECTION III—REMARKS

This election and amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 10 September 2007. In the Office Action, the claims were restricted into seven groups that the Examiner asserts are drawn to patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Group I, comprising claims 1-5 and drawn to a method of automatic white balancing.
- II. Group II, comprising claims 6-7 and drawn to a method of identifying an illuminant source of a captured image.
- III. Group III, comprising claims 8-9 and drawn to a method of determining a gain adjustment for automatic white balance.
- IV. Group IV, comprising claim 10 and drawn to a method of automatic white balancing.
- V. Group V, comprising claims 11-15 and drawn to a method of predefining a white area in a color space diagram
- VI. Group VI, comprising claim 16 and drawn to a method of pre-defining a white area in a color space diagram using a color chart having a plurality of color blocks.
- VII. Group VII, comprising claims 17-20 and drawn to an apparatus for automatic white balance.

Applicant has elected the claims of group I for further prosecution. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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